

# 'Awards are not everything'

Recipient of the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar in April this year, Carnatic vocalist **T.M. Krishna** talks about music and Chennai.



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*Q. Which is your favourite performing arena?*

A. The Music Academy of Madras. It's the 'Lords' of carnatic music.

*Q. Which performance is closest to your heart?*

A. None in particular. I get a real high when I come out of a concert feeling absolutely calm.

*Q. Who is your favourite musician?*

A. T. Brinda, one of India's greatest Carnatic vocalists.

*Q. Your favourite non-musical occupation?*

A. Being a couch potato or working on my computer.

*Q. As an artiste, what is*

*your reaction to awards?*

A. I think they are important and give the artist a sense of achievement, but they are not everything.

*Q. Another natural gift you would like to possess?*

A. Acting skills.

*Q. If you were not a musician, you would be?*

A. Management guru in a firm. How boring!

*Q. What are the qualities you most admire in a woman?*

A. Independence, equanimity and beauty.

*Q. Quality you most admire in a man?*

A. Humility, as it's rarely found in men.